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HOSTEL FOR ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government for setting up of hostels for Scheduled Tribes students during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals cleared and the grants released so far, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearance of the remaining proposals particularly of State of Gujarat; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH) :

(a) Grants for setting up of hostels for tribals are released under 2 different schemes namely `Scheme of Construction of hostels for STs Boys and Girls` and `Scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of STs`. The receipt of proposals from State Govts. for release of grants under both these schemes is a continuous process. Therefore, it is not possible to keep record of the same.

(b) The proposals are cleared and the grants are released only if the proposal is complete in all respects i.e. confirmation of matching State share, availability of land free of cost, UCs in respect of all the grants released in previous years and approval of estimates by PWD/CPWD. A statement showing details of grants released state-wise during last 3 years is enclosed.

(c) and (d) The clearance of the proposals received from State Govt./UT in regard to release of grants for construction of hostels gets delayed because incomplete proposals are sent hurriedly and without utilising the funds released earlier. The proposals from States have to be returned with the request to sent complete proposals alongwith utilization certificates. In so far as the Govt. of Gujarat are concerned, they had made a request in May, 2004 for releasing a total amount of Rs. 67.59 lakhs for the period ending 2004-05 for the completion of Boys and Girls hostels. This amount has already been released to them on 30.11.2004.